



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are more than 500,000 small businesses in Minnesota, making up nearly 98 percent of companies in the State; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's small businesses employ 1.2 million people—nearly half of all Minnesotans in the workforce; and
- WHEREAS: National Small Business Week is April 29-May 5, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 100 years, the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota has promoted an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers trust each other; and
- WHEREAS: Calhoun Companies has helped thousands of Minnesotans become small business owners since 1908, and is a Century Club member of the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS: The James J. Hill Center has provided Minnesotans with resources to support cultural and economic development and grow the entrepreneurial spirit in the state since 1921; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations support the valuable economic role that small businesses play in helping all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations are celebrating National Small Business Week in Minnesota with "Small Helps All," a week-long series of events and celebrations of small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 2, 2018, as:

## "SMALL HELPS ALL" DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pinnon*

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR